

considered misleading because no line drawing complying with PTO guidelines could accurately depict all the relevant detail present in the figures as presented.

Third, the statement that the referenced figures "are illegible after scanning" is indicative of a vendor quality control problem -- not a problem with the drawings -- because the same figures were deemed acceptable in the parent case, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,604,866. In fact, when that patent is viewed on the Patent Office website, figures 3, 4, 6 and 7 are of high quality and have very visible features. It is respectfully submitted the above patent is strong evidence that the drawings do, in fact, comply with the C.F.R.

Based upon the above, the undersigned contacted Ms. Delora Dillard at the PTO who suggested that the problem could be rectified by re-submitting the identified figures for re-scanning. Accordingly, enclosed herewith are copies of the four sheets containing figures 3 through 7 to be used for re-scanning.

If the Examiner has any questions the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned's direct line at (212) 415-8500. Alternatively, the undersigned may be contacted by e-mail at rstraussman@morganfinnegan.com. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this amendment on the merits, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4024-4028US1.

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